

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)

Ward et al.)

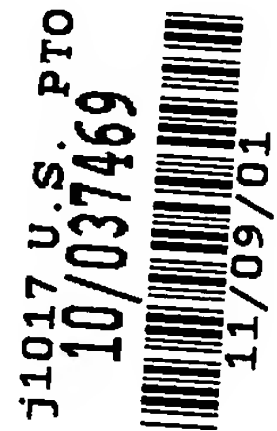
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AUTHORIZATION TO TREAT REPLY REQUIRING EXTENSION OF TIME
AS INCORPORATING PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

BOX PATENT APPLICATION
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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3), the Commissioner is hereby requested and authorized to treat any concurrent or future reply in the above-identified application, requiring a petition for an extension of time for its timely submission, as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time.

Respectfully submitted,

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